

Lake Tahoe Non-Motorized Boater Survey 2008

Dear Lake Tahoe Non-Motorized Boater,

The **Lake Tahoe Working Group** is conducting a survey of non-motorized boaters (*portable/hand carried water craft*) to better plan for future recreation use. You can help our effort by filling out this brief questionnaire (about **10 minutes**). Your answers on this questionnaire are anonymous and will provide us with information that is not available from any other source.

*To express our appreciation for your help we are conducting a **PRIZE DRAWING** for a **BRAND NEW KAYAK** and **PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE**! If you would like to enter, please provide your name and contact information on the form provided on the last page and mail with your questionnaire. Contact and survey information will be separated to preserve anonymity for your survey responses.*

Please complete the questionnaire and mail to the address provided on the website by SEPTEMBER 12, 2008.

Thank you for your help,
The Lake Tahoe Working Group

For simplicity, we will refer to any non-motorized boating activity as "paddling" throughout this survey.

➤ YOUR TRIP TO TAHOE (Some basic information)

1. Is your visit to Lake Tahoe a ☐ Day trip (**skip to #5**) ☐ Part of a multiple-day overnight trip?
2. What is the total length of your multi-day trip to Tahoe? _____ days.
3. On how many of these days have you paddled / will you paddle? _____ days.
4. In what types of accommodation are you staying during this multi-day trip (*please check all that apply*)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Second Home	Home of Friend/relative	Rented Home Time-Share	Hotel/Motel	Designated public campsite	Designated private campsite	Undesignated campsite

5. Is paddling the primary reason for this trip to Tahoe? ☐ YES ☐ NO
6. How many *household members* (*people you live with*) are with you on this trip to Lake Tahoe (*paddling or not*)?
_____ # household members (**if "zero", please skip to #8**)
7. Of these, how many are

Age 18 or older and *not* paddling on this trip: _____

Age 17 or younger and *not* paddling on this trip: _____

Age 18 or older and paddling on this trip: _____

Age 17 or younger and paddling on this trip: _____
8. Including yourself, of the household members that are here with you on this trip, how many, if any, are *paddlers* with special needs (disabilities)? _____ # paddlers with special needs.

➤ YOUR PADDLING ACTIVITIES

9. For how many years have you participated in non-motorized paddle sports?
_____ # years. ☐ This is my first year
10. How many days have you paddled at Lake Tahoe within the past 12 months?
_____ Total Days (*please estimate*)
11. How many days have you paddled at locations *other than Lake Tahoe* within the past 12 months.
_____ Total Days (*please estimate*)
12. Within the *last 5 days* have you paddled at any other locations than Lake Tahoe?
☐ YES ☐ NO (**please skip to #14**)

13. Please list the location(s) other than Lake Tahoe that you paddled within the past 5 days.

1)	3)	5)
2)	4)	6)

14. Within the *next 5 days* will you paddle at any other locations than Lake Tahoe?

☐ YES ☐ NO (*please skip to #16*)

15. Please list the location(s).

1)	3)	5)
2)	4)	6)

16. What information sources did you use to find out about paddling at Lake Tahoe? (*Please check all that apply*)

☐ Water Trail Map ☐ Boating guidebook ☐ Boat rental shop
☐ Water Trail Website ☐ Visitor Center ☐ Personal knowledge/word of mouth
☐ Other Websites ☐ Other Sources

17. Is the watercraft you are generally using ?....

☐ YOUR OWN ☐ BORROWED (friend, family) ☐ RENTED

18. What type of watercraft is it?

☐ Whitewater Kayak ☐ Inflatable kayak ☐ Hardshell canoe
☐ Touring Kayak ☐ Inflatable raft ☐ Inflatable canoe
☐ Rowing shell ☐ Sailboard ☐ Paddle board
☐ Other watercraft

➤ **YOUR MOST RECENT OUTING** (*If you paddled today it is your most recent outing, otherwise refer to a previous day*)

19. Did you or any of your household members paddle during this trip to Tahoe?

☐ YES ☐ NO (*please skip to #34*)

20. Think of your *most recent paddling outing on this trip*. How many *household members* (people you live with) joined you on this outing?

_____ # household members (*if "zero", please skip to #22*)

21. Of these, how many are Age 18 or older: _____ Age 17 or younger: _____

22. Is this outing part of a *multi-day paddling trail* ?

☐ YES ☐ NO (*please skip to #26*)

23. What is the total number of days for this multi-day trail? _____ days

24. For this multi-day trail, please list your beginning (put-in) points **for each morning of the outing**. (*Please be as specific as possible, for example: Sand Harbor State Park; Commons Beach; Tahoe Vista Boat Ramp, etc.*).

Morning Time Put-in Location	
Day # 1	Day # 6
Day # 2	Day # 7
Day # 3	Day # 8
Day # 4	Day # 9
Day # 5	Day # 10

25. In what type of accommodations are you spending the night on this multi-day paddling trail (*please check all that apply*)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Second Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Home of Friend/relative	<input type="checkbox"/> Rented Home Time-Share	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated public campsite	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated private campsite	<input type="checkbox"/> Undesignated campsite
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26. For **your most recent outing**, please list your beginning (put-in) and end (take-out) points **for each leg of the outing**. (*Please be as specific as possible, for example: Sand Harbor State Park; Commons Beach; Tahoe Vista Boat Ramp, etc.*). If your outing is a multi-day trail, please provide these details for the *first day* of the trail.

Put-in Location	Take-out Location
# 1	
# 2	
# 3	
# 4	
# 5	

27. What time of day did you put-in for your most recent outing?

_____ o'clock (*Please note whether the put-in is a.m. or p.m.*)

28. During **your most recent outing** please estimate how much time you spent during each portion of the outing? (*Please note time at put-in, out on the water, stops on land during your paddle, and at the take-out*). If your outing is a multi-day trail, please provide these details for the *first day* of the trail.

Total time in Minutes (<i>Please Estimate</i>)	
Put-in site: _____ min	Stops on Land: _____ min
On the Water: _____ min	Take-Out site: _____ min

29. Are you using a personal floatation device (PFD, float vest, life jacket) for this outing?

☐ YES ☐ NO (*please skip to #31*)

30. Is your personal floatation device (PFD, float vest, life jacket)

☐ ON YOU (*you are wearing it*) ☐ Stowed in your craft?

31. Thinking about a **typical paddling outing at Tahoe**, please rate each experience and facility attribute. (*Please check one response for each*)

	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Very Poor</i>	<i>Disappointing</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Very Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Wait / crowds at launch facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Few conflicts with other craft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restroom facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low docks for small craft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signs to boat sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to the water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to land for day use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to land for camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access for persons with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

32. Everyone has a different set of reasons for paddling on Lake Tahoe. Thinking about the **purpose of your most recent outing**, please **rate the importance** of these attributes. (*Please check one response for each*)

	<i>Not at All Important</i>	<i>Somewhat Unimportant</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Somewhat Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>
Observe scenic beauty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat access to services*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat access to camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat access to beaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
View wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
View Tahoe architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience solitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be with friends/family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Observe historic / native sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical challenge/exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Restaurants, shopping, entertainment

33. Approximately how much did / will your household spend in **Lake Tahoe** on the following items during this trip?

	<i>Estimated Dollars Spent</i>		<i>Estimated Dollars Spent</i>
Camping fees	\$ _____ . _____	Shopping	\$ _____ . _____
Lodging	\$ _____ . _____	Paddling gear & rental	\$ _____ . _____
Restaurants	\$ _____ . _____	Parking	\$ _____ . _____
Groceries and Supplies	\$ _____ . _____	Other	\$ _____ . _____
Gasoline	\$ _____ . _____		


➤ **INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF** (*Your responses are anonymous and are strictly for research purposes*)

34. What is your gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female
35. What is your age? ____
36. Which of the following best describes your household (= the people you live with)?
- ☐ Single, no children ☐ Couple, no children ☐ Multiple adults, no children
☐ Single, with children ☐ Couple with children ☐ Multiple adults, with children
37. What was your total household income (*before taxes*) in **2007**?
- ☐ Under \$25,000 ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999 ☐ \$150,000 to 174,999
☐ \$25,000 to \$49,999 ☐ \$100,000 to \$124,999 ☐ \$175,000 to 199,999
☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999 ☐ \$125,000 to \$149,999 ☐ \$200,000 or more
38. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?
- ☐ Did not complete high school ☐ Some college or technical training ☐ Graduate degree
☐ High school graduate ☐ College graduate
39. Where is your primary place of residence?
- ☐ California (city: _____) ☐ Other USA (*Please specify state* _____)
☐ Nevada (city: _____) ☐ Other Nation not USA (*Please specify nation* _____)
40. What is the **single most important thing** that can be done **to improve non-motorized boating/paddling** on Lake Tahoe?
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41. Finally, how knowledgeable are you about the threat of invasive species to Lake Tahoe, including the Zebra and Quagga Mussel?
- ☐ Very Knowledgeable ☐ Somewhat (I have heard about it) ☐ No Knowledge Until Now

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Thank you for your participation in the **Lake Tahoe Non-Motorized Boater Survey 2008!**

If you would like to enter the drawing for new kayak, please provide the following information and mail with your completed survey to the address noted on the website. This contest entry form will be separated from the survey to preserve the anonymity of your survey responses. The contact information you provide will be used for contest purposes only.

**Win a 2008 Kayak!**
*Wilderness Systems
Tsunami family*
with Personal Floatation Device
Raffle drawing Sept. 19, 2008

Name _____

Contact _____

(email or daytime phone number)

contact info will be used for prize notification ONLY

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